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1. The following are the known Czechoslovak Air Force units stationed at Zatec airfield as of July 1953:

a) 5th Fighter Interceptor Division - Commanded by Lt. Col. Vitek (fnu), whose family lives in Chomutov; chief of staff is Major Stika (fnu), who also lives in Chomutov; Major Homola (fnu) is political officer.

b) 11th Air Regiment - [REDACTED]

c) 17th Air Combat Regiment - [REDACTED] 25X1

d) 15th Air Combat Regiment - [REDACTED] 25X1

e) 13th Airfield (letistni) Battalion - [REDACTED] CO is Captain Hamecek (fnu); chief of staff is Lt. Hakevec (fnu), living in Chomutov; Lt. Vlasy (fnu) is political officer. 25X1

f) 14th Airfield (letistni) Battalion - [REDACTED] CO is Major Horapa (fnu); Lt. Klavarka (fnu), residing in Chomutov, is chief of staff. 25X1

g) 23rd Airfield (letistni) Battalion - [REDACTED] CO is Captain Jaroslav Volf, who lives in Chomutov; chief of staff is Lt. Baljos (fnu), who lives in Zatec in the Hotel Mlýnský; the political officer is Hajek (fnu), who also lives in Zatec. 25X1

2. The following types of aircraft were identified at Zatec airfield:

72 MIG-15 (each Air Regiment has 24)
12 Arado
1 Siebel
1 Piper

3. The MIG-15's are produced by the Avia Letov factory in Prague. The fuel used in the aircraft comes from "Ellorix". About 300 liters of fuel are consumed per minute. With reserve tanks planes stay in the air a maximum of 45 minutes. The planes are armed with one gun (not further identified).

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and the heavy machine gun and travel at a speed of 1,150 kilometers per hour.

4. About 2,000 men are stationed at the Zatec airfield. Some of the enlisted men are quartered in Zatec and Postoloprty. Transportation to and from the airfield is provided in the form of military buses. Married officers are billeted in married men's quarters in Stankovice, Chomutov, and in the Hotel Zlaty Lev in Zatec. POW's No. 1 and 2 are occupied by officers, pilots and WACs.
5. A radar station is located on the highway from Zatec to Most, close to the village of Velichov. The radar antennae are visible on the slopes between Velichov and Zizelice. The SAC station is located near Zizelice. The communications center for the airfield is on the Zatec-Postoloprty highway near Stankovice. It consists of radio and telephone installations.
6. The airfield control tower is a wooden pre-fabricated house constructed on a stone base. It is approximately ten meters wide and 25 meters long. The roof is of asphalt sheeting. The house is surrounded by a wooden fence which encloses an area about 50 by 60 meters. The entrance to the area is guarded by a sentry armed with a submachine gun. Telephone wires leading to the airfield were observed, but no power cables were seen. It is believed that electric power is brought in via underground cables.
7. On the airfield proper four MIG-15 fighters are always on stand-by orders during the daylight hours. The installation is guarded by about eighty men during the day. Sentries at the hangars are doubled during the night hours. The highways surrounding the airfield are open to traffic and vehicles are not controlled. The fields in the neighborhood belong to the State Farms. The northwest corner of the airfield is still under construction; the work is being done by the Konstruktiva company. Soldiers from the airbase frequent the Na Kozie restaurant, which is located about 800 meters east of the airfield.

Enclosures (Air): (A) 1 sketch of Zatec Airfield (1 page)
 (B) 1 map sketch of Zatec Airfield and environs (1 page)
 (C) 1 memory sketch of control room at Zatec Airfield

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